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KERATIN FIBRES COMPRISING A  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 1:

"This application is a continuation application of application Serial No. 09/362,997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,277,155), filed July 30, 1999, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/875,469 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,010,541 issued January 4, 2000), filed March 6, 1998, based on International Application No. PCT/FR97/01262 filed July 10, 1997, all of which are incorporated by reference."

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